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The RESOLUTIONS and PROCEEDINGS of the COTTON and WOOLLEN MANUFACTURERS of MANCHESTER, upon the subject of INDIAN AFFAIRS, and particularly respecting the intended Renewal of the existing Charter of the East-India Company.

BULL'S-HEAD INN, MANCHESTER, February 26, 1793.

AT a respectable Meeting of the Cotton and Woollen Manufacturers, convened in the Manchester Newpapers, by the Boroughreeve and Constables, (in Consequence of a Requisition for that Purpose) this Day held at the Bull's Head Inn afore said, to consider how far the Trade of this Country may be affected, by the intended Application to Parliament for a Renewal of the East India Company's Charter.

JOHN LEAF, Esq; in the Chair;

It was resolved as follows:

First—That the Monopoly of the East India Company, is a Check to the Prosperity of this Kingdom, by Restricting the Industry and Enterprize of its Inhabitants.

Second—That a free Trade to those Rich and populous Countries between the Cape of Good Hope and the Streights of Magellan, would open an extensive Market for British Manufacturers, of almost every Species; and would assure to us a more abundant Supply, and consequent Reduction in the Price of Cotton Wool, and other Articles necessary and useful to our Manufactures, some of which we are now obliged to Draw, at exorbitant Prices, from Countries wherein many of our Fabricks are strictly prohibited, and others which are not to be obtained elsewhere.

Third—That a Copy of these Resolves be signed by the Constables, (the Boroughreeve being absent) and transmitted to the Members of the County; and that they be requested to Present the same to the Right Honourable William Pitt, first Lord of his Majesty's Treasury.

Fourth—That the Boroughreeve and Constables be desired to lay the Answer of the Members before the Public.

Fifth—That a Committee be appointed to carry these Resolutions into effect, consisting of the following Gentlemen—Mr. C. Marriot, Mr. N. Crompton, Mr. Brandt, Mr. G. Salvin, Mr. Greg, Mr. J. Kearley, Mr. Henry Barton, Mr. James Potter, Mr. John Heywood, Mr. Leaf, Mr. W. Frodsham, Mr. James Entwisle, Mr. Joseph Hardman, Mr. James Ackers, Mr. Samuel Taylor, Mr. Thomas Richardson, Mr. John Hilton, of London, and Mr. Drinkwater—and that any three of such Committee, assembled on due Notice, be competent to act.

Sixth—That a Subscription be entered into, to defray the Expences that may be incurred in the prosecution of this Business.

Seventh—That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Boroughreeve and Constables, for their readiness in calling the Meeting; and that the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman, for his very proper Conduct on this Occasion.

JOHN LEAF, } Constables of
JOSEPH HARDMAN } Manchester

BULL'S-HEAD INN, MANCHESTER, March 5th, 1793.

AT a Meeting convened by Advertisement in *Harrop's* Paper, in consequence of the 4th Resolution of the Meeting of the 26th February last.

JOHN LEAF, Esq. in the Chair.

A LETTER (of which the following is a Copy) from THOMAS STANLEY and JOHN BLACKBURNE, Esquires, the Members of the County, was produced, and read.

To the BOROUGHREEVE and CONSTABLES of MANCHESTER.

GENTLEMEN,

“ WE delivered your Memorial into the Hands of the Chancellor of the Exchequer the Day we
“ received it, and have this Morning had an Interview with him upon its Contents, he desires us
“ to state to you, that it is his earnest wish to obtain every possible Information from the Manu-
“ facturers,

“facturers, relative to the subject of the Trade to India; and for that purpose has suggested the
“Propriety of deputing some of the Gentlemen of the Committee to *London*, to explain their
“Ideas upon that Subject, and to be put in Possession of those of Government.”

“We remain, Gentlemen,

“Your faithful

“And obedient Servants,

*House of Commons,
March 1st. 1793.*

“T. STANLEY,
“J. BLACKBURNE.”

It was then unanimously resolved as follows, viz,

First.—That the Sentiments expressed by the Right Honorable William Pitt to the Members of the County, (in consequence of the Resolutions of the 26th of February last, being presented to him) and by them communicated in the above Letter, be fully acceded to and approved.

Second.—That in Compliance with such Sentiments, a Delegation, consisting of Mr. William Frodsham, Mr. Greg, and Mr. Tho. Richardson, of *Manchester*, and also Mr. Hilton, of *London*, be appointed to wait upon the Minister for the purpose of effectuating the Communication suggested in the above Letter, and that any one or more of such Delegation be competent to act.

Third.—That the Explanations and Proceedings of the Delegation be founded upon the Principles comprized in the second Resolution of the Meeting of the 26th of February last.

Fourth.—That the Delegation be desired to embrace some Opportunity of suggesting to Government the great Advantages that would result to the Trade of this Country, from a Commercial Trade with Spain and Portugal.

Fifth.—That a Copy of the Letter from the Members, as well as the Resolutions of this and the preceding Meeting, be sent by the Constables of *Manchester*, to all the manufacturing Towns in the County, and to the Mayor of *Liverpool*, acquainting them, that all Letters upon this Business may (as Occasion shall require) be addressed to the Delegation, at Mess. Thomas Greg and Co's. *London*, or to the Boroughreeve of *Manchester*.

Sixth.—That the Mayor of *Liverpool* be requested to furnish the Gentlemen of the Delegation in *London*, and also the Boroughreeve and Constables of *Manchester*, with an Account of the Freight at which the *Liverpool* Merchants might be able to convey Goods from that Port to the different Parts of *India* and *China*, in Ships well fitted out and properly armed.

Seventh.—That Mr. William Barrow, Mr. Benjamin Potter, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Thomas Boardman, be appointed of the Committee.

Eighth.—That the Boroughreeve and Constables, and the Gentlemen of the Committee individually, be desired to solicit and collect Subscriptions from the Trade at large, for the Purpose of defraying the Expences of the Delegation, and every other Expence incident to this and the preceding Meetings, as well as to the Measures which may be adopted in pursuance of the Resolutions thereof.

Ninth.—That the following Gentlemen in different Manufacturing Towns of the County, viz. Mr. Singleton, in Wigan; Mr. Marsh, in Leigh; Messrs Carliles, in Bolton; Mr. Robert Holt, in Heywood; Mr. Pemberton, and Mr. Dumville, in Warrington; Mr. Oldknow, and Mr. Crowder, in Stockport; Messrs. Cardwell, and Pryme, in Blackburn; Mr. John Lees, and Mr. Twemlow, in Oldham; and such other Gentlemen as the Committee may direct be appointed to solicit and collect Subscriptions, for the Purposes aforesaid; and that Letters be wrote to each of such Gentlemen, acquainting them of their Appointment, and requesting their Exertions in this Business.

That these Resolutions be signed by the Constables, the Boroughreeve being absent.

JOHN LEAF,
JOSEPH HARDMAN, } Constables of Manchester.

